

2-00 P.M.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—A new procedure has now been sought to be introduced. Will the Government view it dispassionately and examine that by allowing this Land Development Banks to come in, the work is very much hampered and the original programme of entrusting the work to Electricity Board was much more effective because these banks are riddled with political factions and various other things? Will the Government please consider it dispassionately and examine it and stick to the original Government order of entrusting it to the Electricity Board?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—This is a decision which has been taken by the Government very recently. In all fairness we should give a trial to this new system. If the Government comes to the conclusion after one year that the new system is in no way better of, then it can be considered.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—By that time, much water would have flown under the bridge and your party people would have done irreparable havoc to agricultural development.

Sri G. CHANDRAKANTH.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that where wiring has been done by the staff, electricity connection is given soon, but where wiring is done by licensed contractors, connection is not given quickly and it is purposely delayed?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—According to the Electricity Act, wiring has to be done by licensed contractors. Unless licensed contractors do that work and give a certificate, it becomes difficult for the Board to give service.

Mr. SPEAKER.—Question Hour is over.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(but not taken up)

Bus Stands at several places in Dharwar District

22. **Sri R. V. DODDAMANI** (Naragund).—

Will the Minister for Transport and Tourism be pleased to state:—

(a) whether it has come to their notice that bus stands have not yet been constructed in Ron, Naregalla, Gajendragada, Hole Alur in Ron Taluk, Dharwar district;

(b) whether it is a fact that hundreds of Government buses are plying in Ron Taluk every day;

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(c) the number of small bus shelters that are in existence along the bus routes in Ron Taluk ;

(d) whether the above bus shelters would be constructed early, taking into consideration the needs of the passengers ?

A.—Sri MOHAMAD ALI (Minister for Transport and Tourism).—

(a) Yes.

(b) The total number of buses running in Ron Taluk is 47 or 94 round trips.

(c) Two Shelters.

(d) Yes, subject to need and availability of funds.

Visweswaraya Canal Team

23. Sri M. K. BOMME GOWDA (Krishnarajpet).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state :—

(a) the function and powers of Visweswaraya Canal Team (V.C. Team) ;

(b) the work done by the team so far ;

(c) whether any report has been submitted by the team ?

A.—Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Minister for Public Works).—

(a) The V. C. Team was constituted in Government Order No. P. W. D. 32 MVC 59, Bangalore, dated 19th August 1959. The terms of reference were—

- (1) To study in detail the report of Malaria Committee, and to assess the work so far done and the balance works that are yet to be attended to ;
- (2) To assess the work done for rehabilitating the villages affected by submersion under K.R.S. Dam and the balance work remaining to be done ;
- (3) To assess the cases in which the tanks were breached according to the Malaria Committee recommendations and which could be restored to advantage without affecting the health conditions ;